REMARKS

In the December 30, 2004 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I:

Claims 1-38, and 59-63, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor

device; and

Group II:

Claims 38-58, drawn to a semiconductor device.

<u>In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-38, and 59-63 with traverse.</u>

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3513.

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